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President to complete service Aug. 31

Dr. George F. Hamm has announced plans to complete his service as president of UT Tyler on Aug. 31, 1997. Hamm, 65, has served as president of the university since 1981.

"With each succeeding year, Janie and I have accumulated greater numbers of friends and more enduring relations. The university has grown significantly in stature because of its ever increasing numbers of generous benefactors," Hamm stated in a letter to Dr. William H. Cunningham, chancellor of The UT System.

"Much remains to be done during the 1996-97 academic year, including the formal dedication of the Fine and Performing Arts Center, the enrollment of the initial engineering class and continued expansion of regional academic programs. These are the building blocks for launching the university into a new era," he stated.

"Accordingly, as I continue to work to bring closure to these important projects, I have decided that this is the appropriate time to announce my intention to complete my service as president on Aug. 31, 1997," he said.

"From an internal perspective, the academic administrators and the executive staff are eminently qualified to carry this university into the 21st century with distinction. The heart and soul of every university is, of course, the faculty. Ours is profoundly dedicated and committed to their students and to academic excellence; they continue to serve UT Tyler rather than accept opportunities elsewhere," Hamm stated.

A.W. Riter Jr., UT Tyler Development Board chair, said "Dr. Hamm's name is virtually synonymous with that of UT Tyler. His service as president has enhanced the image and presence of the university throughout this state and nation and in countries the world over. His dedication and extraordinary energy, which he will continue to devote to the university throughout this academic year, already have created a legacy of academic excellence that will endure well into the next century."

"Because of Dr. Hamm, our region enjoys broader educational opportunities and an enhanced quality of life. For all that he has done for UT Tyler, for East Texas and for the students of this university, we owe him an incredible debt of gratitude," Riter said.

Hamm described his service at UT Tyler as "the best and happiest years of my professional life." Also, he said, "Janie and I will continue to live in Tyler and continue to be actively involved in community, regional, national, and international endeavors, which as you know, offer abundant opportunities for meaningful service."



Kristol lecture tickets available

Complimentary tickets are now available to faculty and staff for the Distinguished Lecture Series presentation by political analyst William Kristol. Faculty may pick up tickets in each dean's office; staff tickets are available in the News and Information Office.

Kristol, former official in the Reagan and Bush administrations, will speak at 8 p.m. Nov. 21 in the University Center.

Kristol is editor and publisher of *The Standard*, a weekly journal of politics and ideas based in Washington, D.C. From 1993 to 1995, he was chairman of the Project for the Republican Future. He served during the Reagan and Bush administrations as chief of staff to Education Secretary William Bennett and to Vice President Dan Quayle.

Before moving to Washington in 1985, Kristol taught at the John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University and at the University of Pennsylvania. His writing in the fields of political philosophy and American politics has appeared in such journals as the *Chicago Law Review*, *Commentary* and *The Public Interest*.

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Dr. Ronnie Livingston, assistant professor of psychology, presented "Factor Structure of the Reitan-Indiana Neuropsychological Battery for Children" at the National Academy of Neuropsychology in New Orleans Nov. 1. The article's coauthors are Robert M. Gray, UT Austin, and Ruth A. Haak, Balcones Special Services Cooperative.

Dr. Jim Tarter, School of Business Administration dean, is among 26 area citizens selected as members of Leadership Tyler Class 11, a non-profit program established by the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce. Members are chosen annually to participate in a series of educational programs focusing on Tyler/Smith County business, government, social services, justice and related systems and services.

Dr. Brenda Walling, assistant professor of education, and **Dr. Lisa Starnes**, assistant professor of early childhood education, have an article published in the summer issue of the *Journal of the Texas Middle School Association*. The article, "Facilitating the Transition to Middle School by Meeting the Needs of Students, Teachers and Parents," reported the results of a UT Tyler faculty development grant research project for Andy Woods Elementary School. Hubbard Middle School also participated in the project.

Snapshot



BRECKEL RETIRES — Bill Breckel, print shop supervisor, (far left), receives a gift of appreciation from President George F. Hamm as Dr. Stephen R. Lefevre looks on. The presentation was made at a reception honoring Breckel on his retirement Oct. 31. (Photo by Michael Murray.)

UT Tyler, TJC to sponsor fall concert

The combined wind ensembles of UT Tyler and Tyler Junior College, directed by Ronald Todd, will present a free fall concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in Caldwell Auditorium.

The Wind Ensemble and the Community Wind Ensemble will perform selections by Wagner, Giannini, Benson, King, Arnold, Persichetti, Schuman and Boyer-Lake.

Repertory ensemble presents 'Mrs. Klein'

The Theatre Repertory Ensemble Company will present the East Texas premiere of "Mrs. Klein," Nicholas Wright's Tony-nominated play, Nov. 15 - 17 and 22 - 24.

"Mrs. Klein" depicts several days in the life of controversial therapist Melanie Klein. Klein's theories about children's psyches and her unorthodox research based in part on her own children shook the foundations of the psychoanalytical community in London in the years preceding World War II.

Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 -16 and 22 - 23, and 3 p.m. Nov. 17 and 24. Faculty and staff may receive complimentary tickets by contacting the Department of Theatre and Communication, HPR 272, ext. 7253.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

NEW EMPLOYEES

Carol Hodge

Secretary I, School of Science
and Mathematics
HPR 103, ext. 7403
Effective 9/18/96

Cindy Strawn

Secretary I, School of
Education and Psychology
ADM 345, ext. 7130
Effective 9/1/96

Howard Rockwell

Library Assistant I
LIB 207, ext. 7396
Effective 8/20/96

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Sue Hunter, secretary II, Campus Security, celebrated 15 years of continuous service at the university Sept. 14.

Celebrating five years of service Oct. 2 are **Ernest Nieswiadomy**, utilities mechanic, and **Clarence Shackelford**, audio visual technician II.

Holiday Schedule

The following holiday schedule has been approved by UT System for 1996-97:

November 28, 1996	Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 1996	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24, 1996	Christmas Eve Day
December 25, 1996	Christmas Day
December 26, 1996	Christmas Holiday
December 27, 1996	Christmas Holiday
December 30, 1996	Christmas Holiday
December 31, 1996	Christmas Holiday
January 1, 1997	New Year's Day
January 20, 1997	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
March 26, 1997	Spring Break
March 27, 1997	Spring Break
March 28, 1997	Spring Break
July 4, 1997	Independence Day